GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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TOURISM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects approved and being implemented in the country especially in Jharkhand and Bihar during the last three years, till-date;

(b) the number of private agencies providing information and other facilities to the tourists;

(c) whether private agencies/operators have to obtain licence for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations sanctioned 967 projects for financial assistance involving an amount of Rs.239.00 crores during last three years i.e. 1999-2000 to 2001-02 to all the States/UTs including the States of Bihar and Jharkhand. An amount of Rs. 4.15 crore has been sanctioned for 19 tourism projects in Bihar during last three years and an amount of Rs.2.86 crores has been sanctioned for eight projects in Jharkhand during last two years since its inception.

(b) to (d) : The Department of Tourism has a scheme to grant recognition to those Travel Agents/Tour Operators who apply for recognition voluntarily. The recognition is given by the Department of Tourism after scrutiny of documents and inspection of the agency by the Regional Directors of Indiatourism offices along with the representatives of the travel industry. Recognition has been given to four travel agents/tour operators in Bihar.